

INDETERMINATE SENTENCE REVIEW BOARD
BOARD MEETING
SUMMARY MINUTES

Monday, August 28, 2023

A regular meeting of the Indeterminate Sentence Review Board was held in the ISRB Office Building located at 637 Woodland Square Loop SE, Lacey, WA 98504, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

Present via Microsoft Teams were:

Board Members:

Staff:

Kecia Rongen
Lori Ramsdell-Gilkey
Jeff Patnode
Elyse Balmert
Jill Getty

Corey McNally, Executive Director
Rebecca Torrence, Executive Assistant

A. To the Table Case – Members had a full Board discussion of this ISRB case.

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- DURHAM, Matthew
- DOC #873218
- Purpose: Full Board Discussion
- Date: August 28, 2023
- List of Documents Reviewed
 - ISRB File
- An updated prosecutor recommendation was not received.
- Matthew Durham was seen for a Release Hearing on August 9, 2023, at the Monroe Correctional Complex, Minimum Security Unit. His current Earned Release Date is November 17, 2024.
- **Summary Discussion**
Elyse Balmert presented the case to the full Board.
- Mr. Durham is being seen by the Board for his convictions of Murder 1 in Snohomish County Cause 02-1-02321-0.

Mr. Durham picked up the female victim and drove her to an apartment where she was met with violence from another male in the apartment.

Mr. Durham and another male co-defendant drove the female victim, that was now gagged and in a duffle bag, to the woods. Mr. Durham and the other male co-defendant buried the female victim in an already dug grave after the male co-defendant shot her several times until she was dead. He was 16 years of age at the time of the crime and is currently 38 years of age.

Previous Criminal History:

Mr. Durham's criminal record began in December of 2000 when he was charged with Theft in the Second Degree. He was then charged with Burglary in the Second Degree in March of 2001 and then Vehicle Prowl in July 2001.

Risk assessments show him to be a low risk to re-offend.

During Mr. Durham's incarceration, he has had two serious infractions with his last one being in 2005.

Mr. Durham has participated in several programs while incarcerated which include, Redemption, Re-Entry Life Skills, Bridges to Life, Thinking For Change, educational and vocational courses.

Mr. Durham has strong community support and will release to a transitional house.

- **Decision:**

The panel recommends that Mr. Durham be released to the community.

- **Reasons:**

- Treatment/Programming: Redemption, Re-Entry Life Skills, Bridges to Life, Thinking For Change, educational and vocational courses.
- He has community support, employment opportunities and resources available to him (Seattle Clemency Project).
- Risk Assessment Scores
- Psychological Evaluation with Lisa Robtoy, Psy.D. dated April 6, 2023, Mr. Durham has demonstrated evidence of maturation and/or rehabilitation, is a low risk for future violence and is probably capable of successfully transitioning to a less restrictive environment.
- He has had positive behavior and his last Serious Infraction was in 2005.

- **Recommendations:**

- Strong controls around alcohol use.
- Strong controls around drug use.

- Electronic Monitoring for the first 90-days.
- Sober Support Groups
- Mental Health counseling as need for transitioning assistance.

- **Next Action:**
 - Submit an Offender Release Plan (ORP) for consideration.

- **Vote:**

Jeff Patnode	Agree with recommendation
Kecia Rongen	Agree with recommendation
Lori Ramsdell-Gilkey	Agree with recommendation
Elyse Balmert	Agree with recommendation
Jill Getty	Agree with recommendation